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Edward L. Donohue
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RE: ARB-2017-123: Keswick Personal Wireless Service Facility

Dear Mr. Donohue,

The Albemarle County Architectural Review Board, at its meeting on January 8, 2018, reviewed the above noted petition to establish a telecommunications facility consisting of a 149' steel monopole with associated equipment. The ARB took the following actions:

Regarding the ground equipment and base station

The Board, by a vote of 5:0, approved the application with staff administrative approval of the following revision because the proposed facility is not consistent with all applicable guidelines.

1. Create denser landscape screening, including deciduous trees, on the northern property line to eliminate visibility of the fenced compound from the EC.
2. Consider alternative landscaping closer to the compound to more successfully integrate the facility into the landscape. The 1/8/2018 plan is more appropriate than the original planting plan. However, native species should be considered in a naturalistic pattern.

Please provide:

1. One full set of revised drawings addressing each of these conditions. Include updated ARB revision dates on each drawing.
2. A memo including detailed responses indicating how each condition has been satisfied. If changes other than those requested have been made, identify those changes in the memo also. Highlighting the changes in the drawing with "clouding" or by other means will facilitate review and approval.
3. The attached "Revised Application Submittal" form. This form must be returned with your revisions to ensure proper tracking and distribution.

When staff's review of this information indicates that all conditions of approval have been met, a Certificate of Appropriateness may be issued.

Regarding the visibility of the monopole

The Board, by a vote of 5:0, forwarded the following recommendation to the agent:

1. The ARB finds that the proposed location will not sufficiently minimize the visibility of the monopole from the Entrance Corridors.
 - a. Additional landscape screening could sufficiently mitigate the view from the I64 exit ramp.
 - b. Landscape screening cannot mitigate the visual impacts of the proposal on the Rt. 250 EC.
2. The special exceptions requested for the number of arrays, standoff distance, and pole diameter will serve to further increase the visibility of the facility and are, therefore, not supported.
3. A pole color that contrasts less with the sky would further limit visibility.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather McMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heather" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McMahon".

Heather McMahon
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